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## LPPD shows persistence in finding those responsible for October school bomb threat

On October 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2013, shortly before 10:30 am, La Porte Police received notice that La Porte High School had received a pair of phone calls suggestive of a bomb threat. The threat was made by an unidentified male and no other information was known relating to the caller's identity at the time.

With the safety of students in mind, the School District immediately evacuated the school, while police quickly established a scene perimeter and incident command post. A thorough search of the campus using special bomb detection dogs, provided through Harris County Explosive Response Unit, was subsequently conducted and nothing suspicious was located. Classes resumed and the case investigation fell to Detectives from the La Porte Police Department.

Thanks to the tireless investigative work conducted by these Detectives, a juvenile from the Austin area was subsequently identified as the perpetrator. Other than having an on-line relationship with a student for the La Porte area, the juvenile does not appear to have any ties to the City of La Porte. With the assistance of investigators from the Austin Police Department, Felony charges have since been filed on the juvenile through the Travis County court system.